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November 27, 1834.

DAVIES GILBERT, Esq., M.A., V.P., in the Chair.

A paper was read, entitled, "Meteorological Journal kept at the Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope, from the 1st of February to the 31st of May, 1834." By Thomas Maclear, Esq. Communicated by Captain Beaufort, R.N., F.R.S.

The tables of meteorological observations which compose nearly the whole of this paper are preceded by a short notice of the instruments, namely, one barometer and two thermometers, with which the observations were made. The author announces his intention to forward, in a future communication, the results of a comparison between his barometer and that of Sir John Herschel. The observations are taken at sunrise, at noon, at sunset, and at midnight.

The reading of a paper was commenced, entitled, "On the Proofs of a gradual Rising of the Land in certain parts of Sweden." By Charles Lyell, Esq., F.R.S.

*At the Anniversary Meeting, December 1, 1834, which was held on that day in consequence of St. Andrew's Day falling on a Sunday,*

JOHN WILLIAM LUBBOCK, Esq., M.A., V.P. and Treasurer, in the Chair,

The Treasurer stated that he took the Chair on the present occasion in consequence of the unavoidable absence of His Royal Highness the President; from whom he had received the following letter:

"Dear Sir,

"May I request of you to express to the gentlemen assembled this day at the Royal Society Rooms, my extreme regret that the state of my eyesight should prevent my attending in my place on the present occasion, as it would otherwise have been both my duty and pleasure to have done? Under these circumstances I must rely upon that kindness which I have ever experienced at their hands since presiding over the interests of the Royal Society, to excuse this involuntary absence on my part. Should the gentlemen kindly vote me again into the Chair, aware as they are of my present infirmities, I can only accept the proffered honour upon an understanding that should I not be better at this period next year, I may be now considered as giving them notice that I shall consider myself bound in duty to resign an office, the duty of which I am no longer able to perform. I regret much being deprived of the pleasure of conferring the medals this day, and particularly the one which has been so properly adjudged to you, for whom I profess the highest consideration, and with which sentiment I subscribe myself,

"Very sincerely, yours, &c.,

(Signed) "AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, P.R.S.

"Kensington Palace, Dec. 1, 1834.

"John William Lubbock, Esq., Treasurer of the Royal Society."